



## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. In this life, we get nothing save by effort."* - Theodore Roosevelt

Over 200 British pubs (bars in Alabama) a month closed last year according to the Monday edition of the British magazine Prospect. People who have spent a lifetime of evenings sitting in these establishments, sipping their favorite alcoholic brew, greeting friends and debating the world's problems are upset over the trend. Of course, they are closing because fewer and fewer of the younger generation are sitting there each day. The cell phone gives them an outlet for the same purpose. Little do they realize that it just is not the same as sitting around a table with your friends and getting the human emotions that include the stress, humor, etc., with the 'text' messages.

Pearl River in Mississippi, Tombigbee River in Clark County, AL., but NOT Pea River! Those first two are causing flood misery for area residents, but our South Alabama Pea River is handling the extra rain like a professional. A publisher friend in West Alabama has been updating folks as the Tombigbee continues on its rampage. At our last update, only a travel trailer had been submerged by the rising river. The fish camps and river front restaurants were watching helplessly as the water level, already out of the riverbanks, keeps creeping closer and closer to their facilities. We feel for all those folks, having experienced it here in Elba more than once.

We have an election here in Alabama in just a few weeks. Our watching politics goes back to those years as a budding teenager. It was probably in the 1952 presidential election that our keen interest in listening to the national Democratic Convention on the radio got us in trouble with mother. She decreed it was time to turn off the radio and go to bed. We begged otherwise but to no avail. But our devious brain plugged in a small radio, pulled it under the bed sheets, kept the volume very low and kept helping count ballots for our favorite candidate. Somehow, as only mothers can do, we got caught at about 1:00 a.m., and it was a long time before this heartbroken child got to listen to any more politics on the radio . . . . our only source of audio news reports. The small table radio was under mother's bed and off limits on ANY school night and she kept a watchful eye on the console radio in the living room. Oh, and the next morning she made sure we were out of bed and milking those cows before breakfast and catching the school bus at about 7:00. Of course the suspense is not in those conventions today. Basically the decisions are made before the conventions. Those gatherings are just eyewash for the voters and party time for the delegates.

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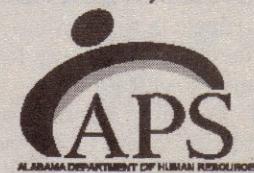
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A view of the Elba levee this week looking South from the Troy Highway. The area in the forefront of this picture is the area of the levee that broke at daylight resulting in the flood of March 1990. The Elba Clipper photographed and published that levee breaking process in a series of four or five pictures. The last in that series was blurred as the photographer was turning to run from the wall of water that hit the school building seconds later hard enough to destroy a brick wall.

#### City of Elba officials keep a close check on Elba's levee each year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Heavy rains and reports of river flooding in Alabama and across the South upsets Elba citizens who have survived several winter and spring floods in

the past 20 years.

However, this time it is being observed from a distance as Pea River has not risen out of its banks this year, and at this writing on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 18, the water level is actually

dropping, according to the National Weather Service. It was below eight (8) feet at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. That was down from about twelve (12) feet on Monday.

The river stage reached a peak of about 15.5 feet earlier this month but has continued to drop since that time. The highest recorded flood stage in modern times was 43.50 feet.

After a major upgrade of the Elba levee following the 1990 flooding, City of Elba officials and employees have been on constant alert for any problems with the levee. City crews routinely check (and operate) the flood gates, pumps and visually check the levee itself for signs of possible problems.

Workers check to be sure there are no broken limbs or other obstructions to prevent these drains from closing.

The workers also visually check the levee for any signs of erosion or other damage that would compromise the integrity of the massive pile of dirt and concrete.

A complete check of the levee systems was completed last week, and Elba street superintendent Lee Gideon reported that all seemed to be in good operating order.



A view of one of the pumps that is expected to rid the encircled Elba of any flood waters that are accumulating but blocked from natural draining by the high water levels in Pea River.

#### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Sunday, Feb. 9, and Thursday, Feb. 13, made the following arrests: seven on warrants.

There were three traffic citations and 12 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Feb. 9th – Feb. 13th.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 9** – Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Beaver Dam Dr (3:44 a.m.); Officers responded to report of a child in the roadway on Claxton Ave (10:55 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic alteration on Tucker Ave (5:27 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic alteration on Jackson Ave (5:41 p.m.); Officers responded to the area of Pinedale Dr in reference to someone hearing gunshots (9:42 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEB. 11** – Officers met with a complainant in area of Hickman Ave in reference to a vehicle struck while in a parking lot (1:04 p.m.); Officers out with a subject with a skateboard in the middle of Simmons St (4:24 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in area of Collier Circle in reference to a suspicious subject questioning juveniles (5:28 p.m.); Officers responded to the report of a physical altercation in area of Jackson St (5:49 p.m.); Officers responded to a child custody complaint in area of Dr. Roberts Dr (6:32 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in area of Neil Grantham Dr in reference to a property issue (8:01 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12** – Officers responded to a loud music complaint on Lee St (10:50 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant in reference to a possible sexual abuse (10:55 a.m.); Officers responded to area of Hwy 203 in reference to dirt bikes riding in the roadway (10:37 p.m.); Officers responded to an alteration reported on Hwy 203 (10:27 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEB. 13** – Officers responded to an alteration reported on Hwy 203 (10:27 p.m.).

#### AUCTION

February 21, 2020

Elba American Legion



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## Coffee County Arts Alliance bringing Diamond Rio to perform March 10th in Enterprise, Ala.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health will present Diamond Rio in concert Tuesday, March 10, at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Diamond Rio is an American country music band that plays a hybrid of modern country, traditional bluegrass (especially in the harmony singing), and a hint of rock and roll. Later works are influenced by Christian country and country pop.

Hits include "Norma Jean Riley", "God Only Cries", "Mama Don't Forget to Pray for Me", "Meet in the Middle", "How Your Love Makes Me Feel", "One More Day", and "I Believe".

For tickets or information, visit the website at [www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com](http://www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com) or call (334) 406-2787. Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students; purchased at the event, tickets will be \$35 for adults and \$10 for students.

A few more scenes from the Elba Lady Tigers region win celebration Monday night at Elba High School...



Elba Lady Tigers head basketball coach Shaun Hammonds made the final cut to bring the net down Monday night in celebration of the Lady Tigers winning the Southeast Region Championship for Class 1A.



The Elba Varsity Cheerleaders led the crowd in a few cheers as the Lady Tigers and fans celebrated.

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# Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### J. L. PARRISH

Mr. J. L. Parrish, age 85, of Tifton, Ga., died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020.

He lived most of his life in Nocatee, Fla. with his wife, Virginia. He worked and retired from the State of Florida as a maintenance supervisor for G. Pierce Wood Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, at 1 p.m., at Pleasant Ridge Church in Jack, Ala. with Lester Rachel officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Ridge Church Cemetery. Sorrells Funeral Home and Crematory of Enterprise was in charge of arrangements.

J.L. was born September 28, 1934 to the late Forrest and Ruth Lott Parrish. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerome Parrish and sisters, Betty Parrish Bates and Sue Parrish Crawley.

Survivors include his wife: Virginia Parrish, Tifton, Ga.; children: Keith Parrish (Debbie), High Point, NC and Carey Parrish (Carla), Alapaha, Ga.; grandchildren: Brian Parrish, Sarah Parrish, Karen Parrish Somday, Jason Parrish, Matthew Parrish and Jacob Parrish; and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Pleasant Ridge Church, 977 County Road 239, Jack, AL 36346 or Homestead Hospice, 110 E 10th Street, Suite A, Tifton GA 31794.

### PAMELA MORRIS CRITTENDEN

Mrs. Pamela Morris Crittenden, age 73, of Elba, Ala. died early Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020, at her home surrounded by family.

Pam's life will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, with a Memorial Service at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Elba Church of Christ, 715 N. Troy Highway, Elba. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ruth Lee Benevolence Fund at the Elba Church of Christ.

Pam was born June 7, 1946 in Fairbury, Neb., to Grady and Mildred Morris. She soon moved to East Texas where she grew up with her siblings and graduated from Gladewater High School.

In March of 1965, she married Johnny Wayne Crittenden and started a journey that would lead her to Elba, the town they have loved for over 40 years. Pam worked at the Elba Exchange Bank for many

years, then at Williams Signs, and most recently she served for 15 years as the secretary for the Elba Church of Christ.

Pam was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Paul Morris.

Survivors include her husband: John Crittenden, Elba; daughters: Stephanie Parrish (Greg), Auburn, Ala., Cassie Crittenden, Elba; two grandchildren: Woods Parrish and Willow Grace Parrish, both of Auburn; siblings: Pat (Perry) Cowan, Pritchett, Texas, and Phyllis (Jerry) Kennie, White Oak, Texas.

### RICHARD TRAVIS BROWN JR

Mr. Richard "Richie" Travis Brown Jr., age 58, of Phenix City, Ala., died unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, at Jack Hughton Hospital in Phenix City.

Mr. Brown was born March 18, 1961 in Elba, Ala., son of Richard Travis Brown and Roslyn Brown. He was a member of Cascade Hills Church and was employed by GE Medical for over 25 years.

Memorial services were held Feb. 5, 2020 at Vance Brooks Funeral Home, Phenix City, with Gary Bradshaw officiating.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years: Audrey Rosero Brown; one daughter: Heather Wetzel (Eric); one son: Richard Travis Brown III; his parents: Richard Travis Brown and Roslyn Brown; two brothers: Troy Brown (Anne), and Scott Brown; one grandson: Michael Colton Brown; one sister-in-law: Elsa Bradshaw (Charles); one brother-in-law: Enrique Rosero (Rosy); and numerous nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

### LARRY JUNIOR SUTLEY

Mr. Larry Junior Sutley, age 65, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., and former resident of Elba, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at his home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, from the Chapel of Hayes

Funeral Home in Elba beginning at 11 a.m. with Edwin Roberts and Ryan Leverett officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday evening, Feb. 20, from 5-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions be made to Christian Mission New Life Center, Enterprise, AL C/O 818 Autumn Ridge Road Montgomery, AL 36117.

Survivors include his daughters: Lauren Sutley (Aaron Harrelson), Montgomery, Ala., Leanna S. (Ryan) Leverett, Jack, Ala.; son: Lance (Katherine) Sutley, Enterprise; brothers: Kenneth Sutley, Samson, Ala., Wayne Sutley and David Sutley, both of Elba; sister: Cathy Simmons, Elba; grandsons: Parker Sutley, Montgomery, Thomas Sutley, Enterprise; granddaughters: Hadley Sutley, Montgomery, Rylee Leverett and Madelyn Leverett, both of Jack, and Dakota Sutley, Enterprise.

### News Brief:

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Guy Anderson, age 32, of Elba on multiple charges Friday, Feb. 14th.

Anderson was arrested on charges of theft of property - fourth degree (\$1,000 bond); domestic violence - 3rd degree (\$5,000 bond); domestic violence - second degree (\$25,000 bond); burglary - third degree (\$5,000 bond); and burglary - second degree (\$25,000 bond).

Coffee County officials said Anderson was placed in the Coffee County Jail following his arrest, where jail records show he remained as of press time this week.

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It is sometimes said that the saddest thing in the world is when a parent outives their children. This may be true, but it can nevertheless be devastating for kids to lose their mom or dad, especially when it happens at a young age.

One way to help children who have experienced the loss of a parent is to provide them with continuity. Death can seem world-ending, so show the child that many things will carry on as normal—including school, friendship, and other activities.

Kids who have lost a parent will often want to share their story, and the best way to help them is to listen. Children may also have tough questions about death. Challenging though it may be, it's important to answer directly and without euphemism. Telling them their mom or dad has "gone to sleep" or has simply "left us" may be confusing. Also note that kids will always set the pace for how they process grief, and it's important not to push them; if it seems like they are not yet ready to talk, just give them some time.

One important thing to do for a child who is grieving is to help them remember. You can provide a child with photos or mementos with which they can remember their deceased mom or dad. Also be willing to share memories and to talk about their parent with fondness and affection.

Finally, note that the loss of a parent can be truly scary, and children will want to be reassured. Be open with them about who will look after them going forward, and make sure they feel secure about their own health and wellbeing.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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## CHURCH NEWS

### First Baptist Church Elba invites all to Sunday, Feb. 23, service as Mark Witt [Following Our Father Ministry] shares his story

First Baptist Church Elba will host guest speaker Mark Witt on Sunday, Feb. 23, during the 10 a.m. service.

Authors of the gospel tract, "Mistaken Identity,"

brothers Mark and Dan Witt launched Following Our Father Ministry after a December 2011 Field and Stream award winning article "Following Our Father" told the story of

Walter Witt's tragic death during a December 1974 hunting trip with his sons. The story, about the heartbreaking hunting accident, also tells how it impacted the lives of both Mark and Dan but also started them on their ministries journey.

Walter Witt was a science teacher, track coach, Sunday school teacher, deacon, lay minister, and on the morning of his death, while hunting with his sons, he was preparing a sermon entitled "Will You Be There?" when a careless mistake by an anxious hunter took his life. He was 38-years-old.

Mark, now a full-time

Family and Friends Day set for Sunday at Brantley's Greater St. Matthew AME Church

The membership of Greater St. Matthew A.M.E. Church of Brantley is sponsoring its annual Family and Friends Day this Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The speaker for this event will be the Reverend Samuel L Lower, pastor of St. James Baptist Church of Rutledge, Ala.

All are invited to attend.



**Mark Witt**

### Pastor's Corner

**MINISTER PHILIP BOX**  
**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**

#### So You Want A King

The Jews should have considered what was at stake before they asked for a king. Samuel was the last and one of the greatest of the "Judges in Israel." When Samuel was old, he appointed his sons as judges in Israel. Sadly, these men were vile and corrupt. "His sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment." (1 Samuel 8:1-3) The people were so disappointed with Samuel's sons that they asked him to appoint a king over the nation. (1 Samuel 8:4-5) This request was a grief to the heart of Samuel (1 Samuel 8:6-9) they should have considered what was at stake.

God instructed Samuel to tell the people what their King would do to them. (1 Samuel 8:10-18) Israel's request to have a king was not a good thing because it was the rejection of God. They should have considered what was at stake.

Saul was God's first choice to be King. At first, he was a humble leader, but sadly Saul made many mistakes as King. David was a very unlikely choice to be King, but God selected him as the second King. During much of the time that David was King, Israel was involved in wars. Solomon, the son of David by Bathsheba, was the third King in Israel. Solomon did not use his great wisdom to serve God. After that more kings and more problems. They should have considered what was at stake.

Considering what is at stake, has God asked too much of us by asking us to stay faithful? "Well done good and faithful servant" are some of the most encouraging words in the Bible. Only those who do the will of the Father have the right to the tree of life. (Revelation 14:13) The faithful will receive the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10) Consider what is at stake and stay faithful.

Considering what is at stake, has God asked too much of us by asking us to worship in spirit and in truth? Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24) On every Sunday each Christian must pray (1 Thessalonians 5:18), give (1 Corinthians 16:2), study God's word (Acts 2:42), sing (Ephesians 5:19), and take the Lord's Supper. (Acts 20:7) Consider what is at stake and worship God in spirit and in truth each Lord's day.

Considering what is at stake, has God asked too much of us by asking us to obey the gospel? To become a Christian, you must faithfully obey God's plan. The Bible says, "Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized." (Acts 18:8) Consider what is at stake and obey the gospel today! There is urgency in your gospel obedience, "Now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

God has not asked too much of us because the salvation of our soul is at stake.

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**DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

**FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Philip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
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Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.  
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Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
W. K. Edison, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

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Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
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Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

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**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH**  
Lowell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HERBON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
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Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Fri. Missionary Ser. . . 7:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
John Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Clas . . . 7:00 p.m.

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### Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** The Eternal Reign of the Lord. Psalm 93: 1-5

**Thinking of You! Praying for You.** Dea. J.L. Williams, Sis. Estella Williams, Min. Robert Edwards, Myron K. Duncan, Dea. James Williams, Rose Coleman, Beatrice Belcher, Julia Glasco, Katie Hamilton, Nannie M. Kelley, Nicole Duncan, Mitie B. Edwards, Rogers/Walker Families

**BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**  
Gracie Andrews Williams 2/22 (in memory)  
Grady Blue II 2/22 (in memory)  
Laura Davis Lyle 2/22  
Cassandra Dubose Bullard 2/24  
Sterl Jones 2/25

**\*\* FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,** 501 Friendship Street, Enterprise, Ala., invites all to the Pastor's Aide Anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. The anniversary message will be by Dr. Patrick J. Gilley Sr., pastor of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Donalsonville, Ga.

**\*\* ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH,** Glenwood, Ala., invites all to the Pastor Appreciation Day set for Sunday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. Pastor is Ronald (Tracey) Owens and this will be the Pastor's 10th Appreciation Program. The guest speaker will be Rev. Charlie Sankey Jr., pastor of Rockwest Missionary Baptist Church, Goshen, Ala.

**\*\* ROCKY HEAD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,** Elba, Ala., will host the 2020 ... Nevertheless... Women's Conference on Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Stephanie Williams Moorer. The church is located at 3731 Hwy. 125, Elba.

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**\*\* SOURCES:** Adams, Russell L. *Great negroes past and present Afro-American Publishing Co. 1984; Bennett Jr. Lerone: The Last of the Great Schoolmasters* Ebony, October 1994.

**QUESTION / ANSWER SECTION**

**Q/A FOR THE WEEK OF 2/13/2020**

**True or False**

**Q:** Jeremiah was a Prophet?

**A:** True [read Jeremiah 25: 2]

**Q:** God promised that the land of Judah would stay in captivity forever?

**A:** False [read Jeremiah 31: 23]

**QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/20/2020**

**Multiple Choice**

**Q:** In the midst of wrath, what did Habakkuk ask God to remember? (justice), (mercy), (rain)

**Q:** Which part of Habakkuk's body quivered? (heart), (hands), (lips)

**TODAY IS A GOOD DAY! BE GRATEFUL.**

**Eria's Daughter, Sue**

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH**

**Donald Mills, Pastor**  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**W.K. Ellison, Pastor**  
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**

**W.K. Ellison, Pastor**  
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

**Will Jordan, Pastor**  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

**NEW JEWEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Terry McCrummen, Pastor**  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Ruby Lawson, Pastor**  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service . . .

## LIFESTYLES

### 2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show zooming March 21st into Elba

The 2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show is set for Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba and is presented by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers.

Car registration will be from 8-10 a.m. There is a \$20 fee to enter the car show, and all proceeds will benefit the Elba Public Library.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners

of the car show – all makes and models of cars and trucks welcome!

There also will be arts and crafts exhibits on the square during the event.

For more information on the car show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505. For more information regarding arts and crafts exhibits, contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

There is no admission charge to attend.

### Astronomy Night set for Feb. 21st at Landmark Park

Join Landmark Park for an evening of stargazing on Friday, Feb. 21, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Astronomy Night is an exciting and informative program that gives visitors a view of several stars and planets through telescopes and binoculars on the gazebo lawn. Staff members will help point out winter constellations, and visitors will get the chance to experience a starry hayride and campfire. Nightwalks

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Warm up in the Interpretive Center after stargazing and enjoy snacks, a movie about Planets, and a program in the planetarium. Planetarium programs are not recommended for children under 5.

Scouts are welcome, and Astronomy Night meets several requirements for the

Astronomy Badge.

Admission is \$5 for members, \$6 for scouts and their leaders in uniform and \$8 for nonmembers. Free for children 5 and under. Reservations and prepayment are required for this Astronomy Night. Space is limited.

Visit [www.landmarkpark-dothan.com](http://www.landmarkpark-dothan.com) to register and pay.



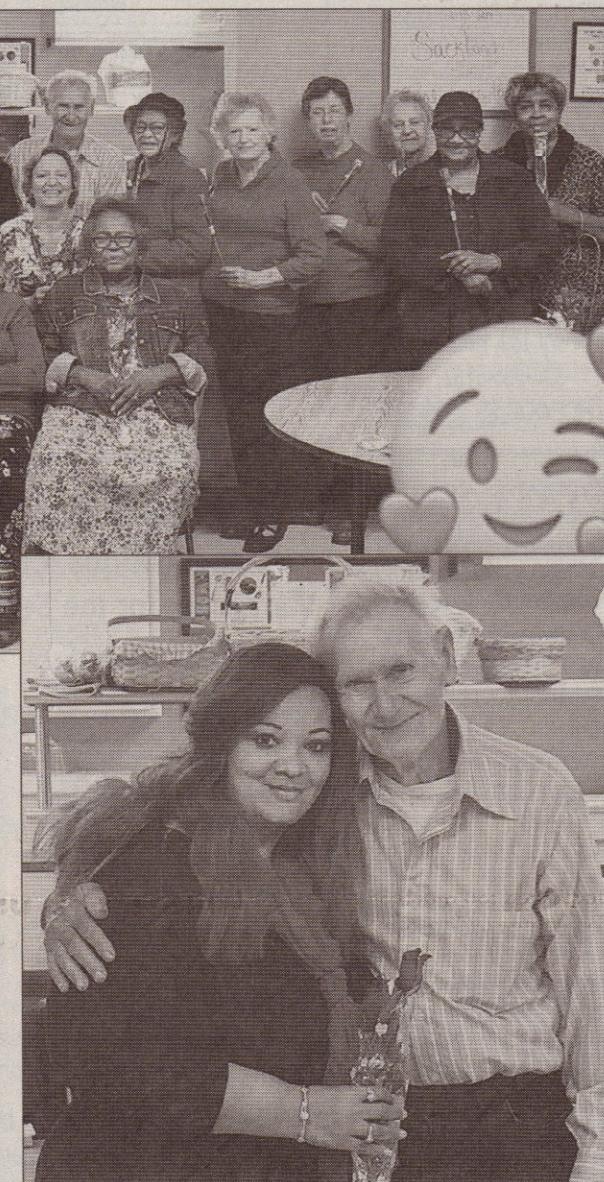
Local Woodmen Life marketing representative Linda Westbrook received the Alabama South Yellowhammers 2019 Top Hat award for the Alabama South Region during an awards banquet held Jan. 25th. She received the award as a top sales performer for the region. Pictured above with Westbrook (shown holding her award) is Mike Hutto, Woodmen Life state manager; Chip Westbrook, Linda's husband; and Charles Windham, Woodmen Life area manager.

### NOTICE:

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 1:30 p.m., the voting machines to be used in the March 3rd Primary Election will be tested. The voting machine check will be conducted at the Farm Center Building at the Coffee County Complex, Hwy 84W, New Brockton. The test is open to the general public. This testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. For further information contact: Judge of Probate Enterprise office – 347-2688 or Elba office – 897-2211 or Visit the website at [www.coffeecountyvotes.com](http://www.coffeecountyvotes.com)



**VALENTINE'S TREAT...** On Thursday, Feb. 13, the ladies of the New Hope Senior Citizens Center were shown a lot of love by Mr. Joseph Willis (pictured above in center of the ladies). He presented each lady at the center with a rose and other Valentine's gifts. Mr. Joseph also presented center director Conzella Banks with a rose and mirror (pictured at right)! The ladies thank Mr. Joseph for his gift of love and continued friendship.



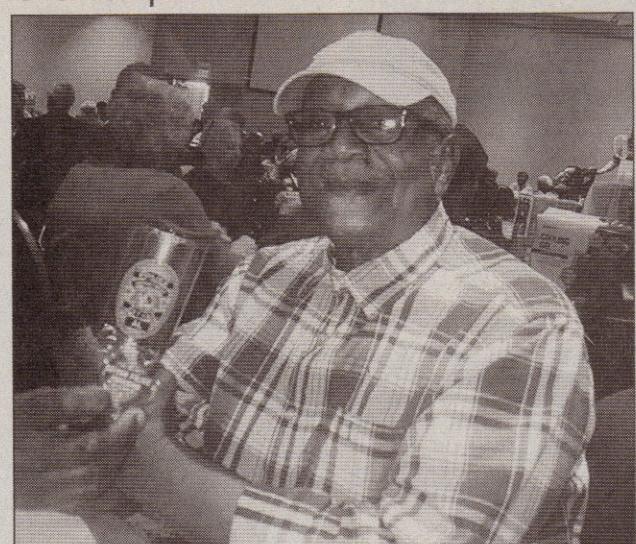
### New Hope seniors fellowship with others at recent event

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the seniors from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center enjoyed bingo, food and fellowship at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

This is an annual event sponsored by the Fort Rucker Community and Spouses Club, and several of the New Hope seniors won prizes.

Center director Conzella Banks said, "We look forward to this event every year!"

Seniors from all over Coffee County attended the event and enjoyed the fellowship and fun!



Mr. James Moultry shows off the gift he won at the Feb. 4th bingo event in Enterprise.

### ESCC Foundation Board approves \$12,500 dual enrollment grant fund

With dual enrollment students making up a large portion of enrollment at Enterprise State Community College, the ESCC Foundation Board recently approved the creation of a new dual enrollment grant fund program.

"The ESCC Foundation continually seeks new ways to support the students of Enterprise State through providing financial support relevant to the current needs of those students," President of the ESCC Foundation Chad Meeks said. "As such, the Foundation Board of Directors recently recognized a need to provide grant funding for dual enrollment students."

He continued, "We are pleased to provide \$12,500 to establish grants that will allow high school students the opportunity to attend classes at the college while also meeting their current

high school requirements. We consider this a great opportunity to support this growing student segment at ESCC."

For the Spring 2020 semester alone, ESCC had 465 students enrolled in dual enrollment classes. Of those students, approximately 65 percent are enrolled in a Career and Technical Education programs, which are funded by the State of Alabama through Career and Technical Education Dual Enrollment (CTEDE) Scholarships.

Approximately 35 percent of ESCC dual enrollment students are only enrolled in general academic classes, but there are no state funds available for these students. The board approved the \$12,500 grant funds for high school students who want to advance their academic studies.

These funds are available

for high school students throughout ESCC's service area. Students who receive grant funds will be chosen by the high school counselors and/or principals.

Students are encouraged to reach out to their counselors for eligibility requirements.

Each grant will be used for one course in either the fall or spring semester. The cost of books is not included in the grant. Students may reapply for the grant each year as long as he or she remains in high school and maintains the necessary requirements.

Dual enrollment is a program that offers high school students the opportunity to take college courses while receiving both college and high school credit, according to Instructional Re-

sources and Community Education Director Ann Kelley-Spence.

"With the new grant money from our Foundation, it gives more high school students the opportunity to get a jump start on their college education," she said. "The best part of taking a college academic class is you are getting both college and high school credit. One three-credit-hour college class is equal to one high school Carnegie credit; it is one to one."

Students planning to transfer to a public university in Alabama can use the STARS Guide to ensure all courses will transfer.

For more information on dual enrollment, contact Ann Kelley-Spence at [akelley@escc.edu](mailto:akelley@escc.edu) or call (334) 347-2623 ext. 2208.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: MTA MOTORS

You are hereby notified that a Complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 12th day of April 2020, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you. This the 12th day of February 2020.

/s/ Amy L. Reeves  
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk  
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2/20,27 & 3/5,12-chg

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Youth wildlife day set for Feb. 29th at Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala.

Join Landmark Park in Dothan for a day of outdoor family fun as it host Youth Wildlife Day on Saturday, Feb. 29.

Learn about conservation, wildlife and win prizes. Enjoy a live animal meet and greet, youth BB gun shooting range, fish casting practice, youth archery range, "Skins and Skulls" demo, reptile presentation



LBW Community College in Opp recently welcomed area high school seniors to the MacArthur Campus for College 101, a program designed to help in the process of deciding the next step in their educational career. While on campus they met advisors and faculty, learned about financial aid and how to get involved on campus, and rotated through sessions presented by career technical faculty. Pictured from Brantley High School are, from left, Blake Carlisle, Tyekiah Taylor, Zyquan Brockton, Za Burnett, and Justin Stough.

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**Don't Forget to...**



## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I promised our grandson Lawson that we would have a 'mans day' out one weekend soon, and he has already said that he wants to play putt-putt golf, go to Chuck E Cheese or maybe even go to Dave and Busters. It has been a while since my little man and I have had a chance to get out on our own. So, we may just try to do it all!

#### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* There is an old saying in basketball that teams that live by the three die by the three, and while the Elba Lady Tigers were definitely on life support last week after hitting only 3 of 24 three-pointers in the first three quarters of their region game against fifth-ranked Loachapoka, they went to Plan B in the final stanza and connected on 4 of 5 shots inside and added 5 of 8 free throws to upset the Lady Indians and advance to the region finals. Elba's girls played a challenging schedule that included over 20 different teams and four tournaments in an attempt to get them mentally tough for a post-season run, and since they are now 4-0 in post-season play, it is obvious the plan worked! While its opposition looks at the Lady Tigers size inside and hears about their skills from behind the arc, they fail to realize that the team plays defense as hard as any team around and never eases up as it throws a variety of defensive looks at its opponents. Elba still has one win remaining to make it to state as I write this column on Sunday morning, but I believe the Lady Tigers are a team of destiny and are still writing their own chapter in the record books.

\*\*\* Zion Chapel was eliminated in its sub-region clash against Daleville, but the Rebels logged 15 wins on the season and hosted a sub-region game after winning their area tournament. The Rebels weren't known for being a basketball power, but worked hard and in recent years has laid the foundation for future teams to build on. The loss at home in the post-season certainly didn't define the Rebels' season, it only added to the legacy that the team accomplished this season.

\*\*\* The high school baseball and softball seasons are now underway and it looks like it will be another fun season for the area teams and their fans. Here in Elba, the Tigers are convinced they will be a threat to win the area and have already looked at the calendar to see when the post-season starts, while the Lady Tigers will be looking to build on the success of the team over the last two years that included a trip to the region tournament and bunch of wins. Around the area, in baseball Brantley and New Brockton will be considered the favorites to move on to post-season play, while Zion Chapel and Kinston should both be much improved and claim their share of wins, while on the softball field Brantley is always the team to beat in its area, Kinston may just be ready to make a serious run at a state title, New Brockton will be much improved and will be a threat to make it to state, and Zion Chapel should also be much improved and chomping at the bits to get some payback for some of last season's lopsided losses.

\*\*\* In closing.... Elba High School is expected to have a new head football coach by the time this week's paper is published, and it will be interesting to see just who will join the ranks of coaches to lead the historic Elba Tiger football program. Look next week for an in-depth look at the new coach.

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#### At S'east region

### Lady Tigers upset Loachapoka 38-32

The Elba Lady Tigers scored the final eight points of the game and held Loachapoka scoreless over the final 5:26 of the fourth quarter to rally and claim an exciting 38-32 win over the Loachapoka Lady Indians, Thursday afternoon at the Class 1A, Southeast Region Basketball Tournament, at Montgomery's Garrett Coliseum.

Elba missed six three-pointers in the game's first three minutes and connected on only one of 11 treys in the opening quarter, but caused nine Loachapoka turnovers and hit 5 of 8 free throws to grab a 12-11 lead.

The Lady Tigers trailed 6-1 with 5:07 left in the quarter, but a lay up by Melissa Williams and a 3-pointer by Freeda Hooks pulled Elba even at 6-6, and Nina Williams hit two free throws late to help the Lady Tigers grab the slim one-point lead.

Loachapoka regained the lead at 15-12 early in the second quarter, but Nina Williams hit two 3-pointers in the game's next minute of play to put the Lady Tigers back on top 18-17, and their lead grew to 20-17 with 3:38 left on a basket by Freeda Hooks. Elba failed to score again over the final three minutes of the half; however, and at intermission the Lady Tigers trailed 24-20.

The third quarter wasn't a thing of beauty for either team as the two region rivals both scored only four points, combined to hit only 4 of 19 shots from the floor, and combined to commit 10 turnovers as Loachapoka carried a 28-24 lead into the final stanza.

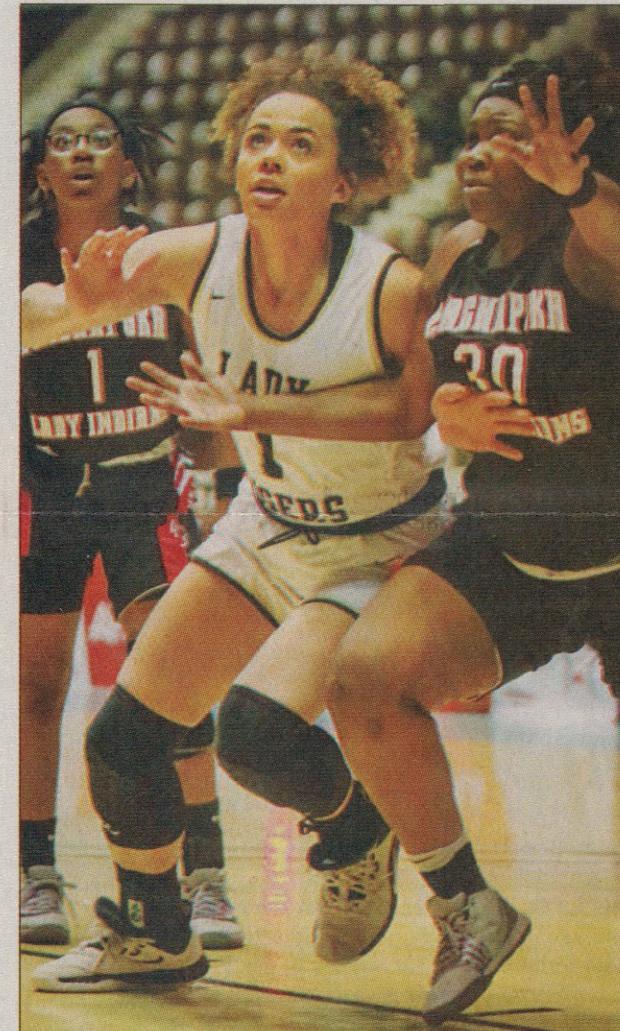
A short jumper by Breanna Sanders and two free throws by Jaylyn Baker pulled Elba even at 28-28 with 6:30 remaining in the fourth quarter, while the Lady Indians went back on top 32-30 with 5:26 left.

Elba cut the lead to 32-31 with 4:38 remaining on a free throw by Nina Williams, and went on top 33-32 with 4:27 left on a



Elba Lady Tiger head coach Shaun Hammonds and Lady Tiger Maggie Hammonds celebrate as the final seconds tick off in last week's 38-32 region win over Loachapoka, at the Southeast Region tournament, in Montgomery.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba (38): Baker 7, N. Williams 12, M. Williams 6, Sanders 6, Hooks 7.

L'poka (32): Murph 9, Calloway 5, Richards 6, Murphy 2, Clemons 6, Pulliam 4.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Parker Weeks, age 9, of Kinston was named a co-captain for the Troy Trojans mens basketball team last Saturday, Feb. 15, and he delivered the game ball to the referee at center court for the start of the Trojans game. Parker is the son of Anthony & Kaliegh Weeks of Kinston.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

#### Baseball/Softball SCHEDULES

**Thursday, Feb. 20**  
(Baseball)

New Brockton at Elba

Kinston at Red Level

Highland Home at Zion

Chapel

Florala at Brantley (DH)

(Softball)

New Brockton at Opp

Kinston at Andalusia

Highland Home at Zion  
Chapel (JV)

Goshen JV Tournament

Brantley JV Tournament

(Softball)

Brantley JV Tournament

(Baseball)

Kinston JV at Elba JV

Brantley at Goshen

**Saturday, Feb. 22**

(Baseball)

Florala at Elba

(Softball)

Florala at Elba

(Baseball)

Pleasant Home at Kinston

Opp at Brantley

Opp Middle at Brantley JV

(Softball)

New Brockton JV at G.W.

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**Tuesday, Feb. 25**

(Baseball)

Pleasant Home at Kinston

Opp at Brantley

Opp Middle at Brantley JV

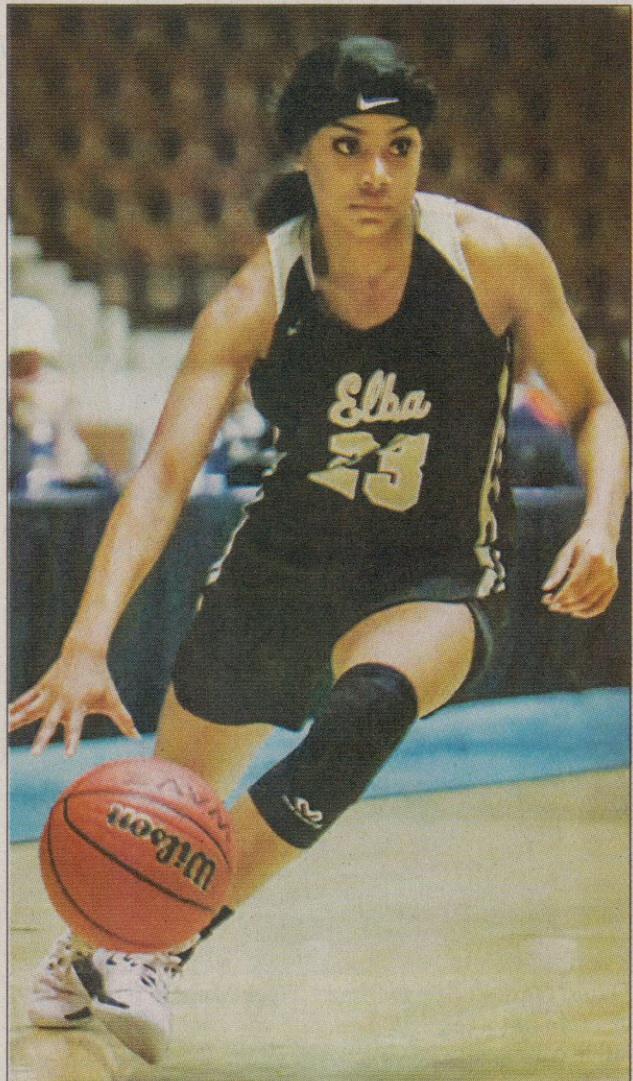
(Softball)

New Brockton JV at G.W.

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## SPORTS NEWS

# BIRMINGHAM BOUND



Elba Lady Tiger Freeda Hooks dribbles inside for an easy basket. Hooks scored 5 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out 6 assists in the Lady Tigers 49-40 region title win over Westminster.



**ELBA LADY TIGERS - SOUTHEAST REGION CHAMPIONS...** The Elba Lady Tigers show off the championship plaque after winning the Southeast Region Basketball Tournament, Monday in Montgomery. They won upped the Lady Tigers record to 23-7 and advanced them to next week's 'Final Four' event in Birmingham. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Andraya Chism, Freeda Hooks, Undreya Chism, Celeste Edwards, Danaeja Flowers, (back row, l-r) Coach Shaun Hammonds, Melissa Williams, Yada Caldwell, Jaylyn Baker, Maggie Hammonds, Nina Williams, Breanna Sanders, Zhandria Siler, and Coach Patricia Jordan.

### In region finals

## Lady Tigers knock off Knights 49-40

Story by **Ricky Mularz**, Sports Editor  
(photos by BS Sports Photography)

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their historic run through the 2019-2020 high school basketball season Monday afternoon when they defeated the Westminster Lady Knights 49-40 in the championship game of the Southeast Region Tournament, at Garrett Coliseum, in Montgomery.

The Williams sisters – Melissa and Nina, both connected on three-pointers early in the opening quarter to put Elba on top 6-3, and when Nina Williams added a baseline jumper with 4:03 left in the quarter the Lady Tigers lead was up to 13-5. Elba, which led 15-9 after one quarter of action, hit 5 of 8 free throws in the quarter, while the Lady Knights failed to go the line.

Elba remained in command early in the second quarter and led 20-13 after a three-pointer by Nina Williams, but while Westminster was 0-7 from behind the arc in the stanza, it did hit four straight free throws late and closed the half on a 6-2 run to chop the Lady Tigers lead to 24-21 at intermission.

The Elba defense put a halt to the Westminster offense in the third quarter as it held the Lady Knights scoreless for over seven minutes, and sparked by the play of Jaylyn Baker and Nina Williams, went on an 8-0 run to open up a 34-22 advantage.

The Lady Tigers carried a big 34-24 lead into the fourth quarter, but Westminster refused to throw in the towel as the Lady Knights scored eight straight points over a three minute span to pull within 39-35 with 3:54 left on the clock.

A free throw by Jaylyn Baker ended the Lady Tigers scoring drought; however, Elba connected on 7 of 10 free throw opportunities over the next three minutes and pulled away to post the impressive 49-40 win to claim the region title and punch their ticket to the Final Four, next week in Birmingham.

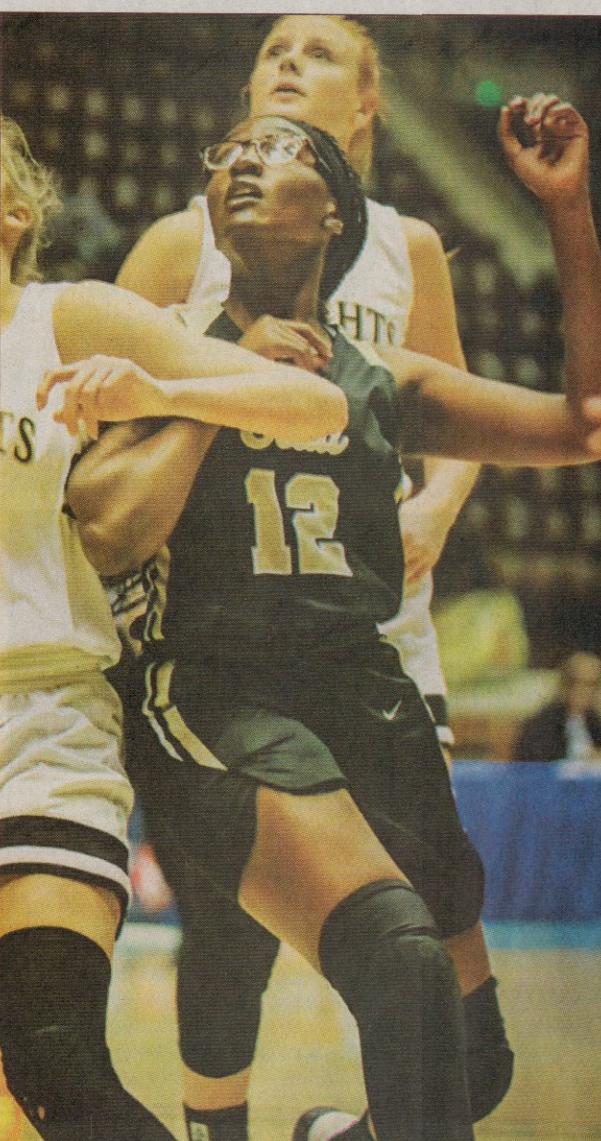
Nina Williams scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Melissa Williams added 9 points and 6 rebounds, Jaylyn Baker and Breanna Sanders both added 8 points and 11 rebounds, and Freeda Hooks added 5 points, 10 rebounds and handed out 6 assists.

**Elba (49):** Baker 8, N. Williams 17, M. Williams 9, Sanders 8, Hooks 5, Edwards 2.

**Westminster (40):** M. White 8, Welch 4, Gache 11, Metcalf 7, E. White 4, Cavan 6.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker eyes the basket after getting inside a Westminster defender. Baker earned region MVP honors after scoring 8 points and pulling down 11 rebounds in the region final win.



Elba Lady Tiger Melissa Williams muscles in for position in Monday's region title contest. Williams scored 9 points in the win.



Elba Lady Tiger Breanna Sanders looks inside for a teammate in region championship action. Sanders scored 8 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the 49-40 win.



Elba Lady Tiger Nina Williams eyes a free throw in Monday's 49-40 region title win over Westminster. Williams scored 17 points to lead Elba to the win.

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<b>Monday, Feb. 24</b>	
<b>Semifinals</b>	
9 a.m. – Elba (23-7) vs. Spring Garden (33-2)	
12 noon – Mars Hill Bible (28-7) vs. St. Luke's (24-4)	
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